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# GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

## Power Africa Madagascar Mini-Grid Development Grant

The USAID Southern Africa Energy Program (SAEP), a Power Africa initiative, is proud to launch the “Power Africa Madagascar Mini-Grid Development Grant” to increase energy access in the country. USAID has committed up to USD \$1.5 million in grant funding and technical advisory services to mini-grid developers in Madagascar. **The Request for Applications (RFA) is now open until 13 July 2020.** Interested companies can access the RFA by registering via this link <https://usaid-saep.fluxx.io>

To contribute to the Government of Madagascar’s target to achieve an electricity access rate of 70% by 2030, USAID SAEP is launching Power Africa’s Madagascar Mini-Grid Development Grant. The grant is intended to support mini-grid developers who have obtained concessions from the Agency for Rural Electrification Development (ADER) to build mini-grids but are struggling to source funding to reach financial close; while developers with existing mini-grids are expected to use the grant to fund the infrastructure required to connect additional households to the grid. It is important to emphasize that the activities funded using USAID grant funding must contribute to new off-grid connections in Madagascar.

The total number of grants awarded, totaling up to USD \$1.5 million, is dependent on the number of applications received and grant funding levels requested. The Madagascar Mini-Grid Development Grant is a standard grant, which means that funds will be provided to reimburse grantees for costs incurred according to approved budgets. Grants will be paid in installments upon receipt by USAID SAEP of proof of the purchase and installation of equipment. Final payments will require the demonstration of the purchased equipment working as part of a commissioned mini-grid.

Register here <https://usaid-saep.fluxx.io> to access details about the selection and screening process.

### For more information, please contact:

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### TIMELINE 2020



**27 May**  
Release of RFA



**8 June**  
RFA Information Workshop



**15 June**  
Deadline for Submission of Questions



**29 June**  
Responses to Questions



**13 July**  
Deadline Submission RFA



**14 July – 24 August**  
Evaluation, Due Diligence, Negotiations and Approvals



**End August**  
Announcement of Grant Winners

SAEP is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), in support of the U.S. Government’s Power Africa initiative. Power Africa brings together the collective resources of over 170 public and private sector partners to double access to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa. Power Africa’s goal is to add more than 30,000 MW of new electricity generation capacity and connect 60 million new homes and businesses to power by 2030. USAID supports Power Africa through programs that bring together technical and legal experts, the private sector, and governments from around the world to work in partnership to increase the number of people with access to power.